

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10535–S10606*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3683–3690, and S. Res. 706. **Page S10578**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1924, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty. (S. Rept. No. 110–520)

Report to accompany S. 980, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies. (S. Rept. No. 110–521) **Page S10578**

#### Measures Passed:

***United States Army Commemorative Coin Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 5714, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the United States Army in 1775, to honor the American soldier of both today and yesterday, in wartime and in peace, and to commemorate the traditions, history, and heritage of the United States Army and its role in American society, from the Colonial period to today, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10601**

***Authorizing Testimony and Legal Representation:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 706, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *Peter Bergel v. Pacific Gas & Electric*. **Pages S10602–02**

#### House Messages:

**Child Safe Viewing Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 602, to develop the next generation of parental control technology, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10601**

#### Appointments:

***Congressional Oversight Panel:*** The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Majority Leader of the Senate, after consultation with the Republican Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House during the recess of the Senate pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement of October 2, 2008: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, appointment of Damon Silvers, of Maryland, as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel. **Page S10602**

***Congressional Oversight Panel:*** The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Majority Leader during the recess of the Senate pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement of October 2, 2008: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, the appointment of Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts, as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel. **Page S10602**

**Second Reading—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to the following measures that have been read for the first time, the measures be considered as having been read a second time on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, for the purpose of placing the bills on the Senate calendar with respect to rule XIV: S. 3526, H.R. 6842, H.R. 6899, S. 3535, S. 3646, H.R. 6867, H.R. 7110, S. 3688, and S. 3689. **Page S10602**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Robert A. DeHaan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Michael Jonathan Green, of Maryland, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador.

Steven C. Hollon, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Joseph E. Lambert, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

Arthur G. Scotland, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Gerald W. VandeWalle, of North Dakota, to be Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2009.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, and the Public Health Service.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10602.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **NOMINATION**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Neil M. Barofsky, of New York, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### **NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert W. McGowan, of Nevada, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### **NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathryn A. Oberly, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, who was introduced by Senator Clinton, and Alfred S. Irving, Jr., to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.